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Re: Amendment and Response
Appl. No.: 10/733,776
Filed: December 12, 2003
Title: **Process for the Fermentative Preparation
of L-Amino Acids Using Strains of the
Enterobacteriaceae Family**
Inventor(s): Rieping, Mechthild
Atty. Dkt.: 7601/80921

Dear Sir:

The following documents are being submitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S.
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1. Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111; and
2. Return postcard.

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| Independent Claims Fee | 1 | 3 = | 0 | \$ 200.00 | 0.00 |
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Very truly yours,

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 13, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-captioned application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of the present document.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 of the present document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of the present document.